

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 12, 16-25, 27-29 and 31-36 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-3, 6, 9-11, 13-15, 26 and 30 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 16, 17, 18 and 19 have been amended. Claims 1, 16, 17, 18, and 19 are independent claims.

The amendments to independent claims 1, 16, 17, 18 and 19 are made further to the Examiner's concerns as expressed during the recent interview and with the understanding that these amendments are sufficient to distinguish over the current art of record for placing all of the claims in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 12, 16-25, 27-29 and 31-36 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. §1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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